

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

The specification has been amended to include a reference to the Japanese priority application and the PCT application.

Claims 3-11, 15 and 17 are currently being amended.

This amendment changes claims in this application to eliminate multiple dependency and place them in better form for U.S. prosecution. A detailed listing of all claims that are in the application is presented with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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